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Information

Description: **AG-LORM-S-15-0086**
Bid invitation number: **2000003623**
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Livestock**

SOLICITATION

Domestic Commodity Invitation

Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time
Start Date: 09/18/2015 15:15:00
Offer Due Date : 09/23/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 09/23/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Definite Delivery

Additional requested information:

Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN LAMB PRODUCTS, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003623

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen lamb products pursuant to the AMS Master Solicitation for use in the Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 25, 2015.

Deliveries are to be made between November 1, 2015 and June 15, 2016.

This solicitation includes the following provisions and requirements for purchases under Supplement 602 and amends the following sections of the Federal Purchase Program Specification for Lamb Leg Roasts and Shoulder Chops Frozen (FPPS-LRC-2015).

All potential vendors must have an Animal Handling and Welfare program (see section 230 of Supplement 602 dated June 2015) approved by AMS in order to submit a bid.

Lamb items will be produced using previously frozen commercial stockpiles of lamb cuts and/or current fresh chilled lamb cuts. Finished product derived from cuts that have been previously frozen may not be comingled with finished product derived from fresh chilled cuts.

Previously frozen cuts must be offered for examination and processing not more than nine months from the initial production date provided they were vacuum-packaged and packaged in commercial containers that were deaerate to maintain product excellence during freezer storage. The date of production and freezer records to document that the lamb cuts were stored at 10°F or below shall be made available to the AMS agent at the time of examination.

For this solicitation, FPPS-LRC-2015 is amended as follows:

Add the following:

313.8 IMPS 208 - Shoulder, Square-Cut, Boneless

313.9 Shank - This item shall be derived from any combination of the following:

313.9.11 IMPS 210 - Foreshank

313.9.2 IMPS 233F - Leg, Hindshank

313.9.3 IMPS 233G - Leg, Hindshank, Heel On

Delete 314 and replace with:

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314 Product shall be certified by USDA, AMS, QAD using the Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol for Conformity assessment of Federal Purchase Program Specifications, June 2015 (Attached). The requirements, as specified within the Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol, for submissions of a production plan and for the QAD agent to be present during the production of finished products and monitor and verify the processing steps, quality assurance activities and corrective actions, will be waived. Physical characteristics, finished product limitations, preparation for delivery and quality assurance monitoring will be evaluated by QAD on a stationary lot basis on finished product.

Delete 314.1 and replace with:

314.1 Sample units of products derived from previously frozen lamb cuts shall be examined for evidence of defrosting or mishandling. Cut surfaces, naturally exposed lean surfaces, and exposed fat shall be evaluated. There shall be no evidence of discoloration, foreign odors, purge, stick surface slime, or other factors that are not typical of product that has been properly handled, frozen, and stored. Sample units shall be thawed prior to examination to a temperature of at least 36-38°F.

Delete 314.2 and replace with:

Defect Classification Table 200 H for Item No. 233A, 233B; Table 200 I for Item No. 234, 234A, 234B, 234C; Table 200 D for Item No. 208; Table 200 E for Item No. 210; Table H for Item No. 233F, 233G and Table 200 M for Item No. 1207.

Delete 317 and replace with:

317 Product will be frozen to an internal temperature of not higher than 10°F (-12.2°C) within 72 hours from the time of final fabrication of the lot.

Add the following:

318.7 Weight Range - IMPS 208 - Cut into portions weighing 3-8 pounds.

318.8 Weight Range - IMPS 210, IMPS 233F and 233G - No weight range requirement.

Add the following:

320.2 Shoulder shall be derived from Carcass Cutting Instruction for Style A or B.

Delete 321 and replace with:

321 Fat Limitations 1/4 - inch maximum at any one point for lamb cuts. Fat limitations 1/2-inch maximum at any one point for lamb cuts derived from previously frozen commercial stockpiles. All fat shall be removed from the fat covered areas.

To 322.2, 322.3, 322.4.1 and 322.4.2 and the following:

Lamb roasts derived from previously frozen cuts shall be cut in the frozen state (tempering to no more than

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26°F is permitted).

Add the following:

322.5 Lamb Shoulder Roasts, Boneless shall be derived from the following IMPS item:

322.5.1 IMPS 208 - Shoulder, Square Cut, Boneless - This item is prepared from a single item No. 207. All bones, cartilages, backstrap, fell, prescapular lymph gland, and heart fat shall be removed. The brisket side and rib end shall form an approximate right angle. The brisket side shall expose the pectoralis profundus extending posterior to the 3rd rib mark. The neck shall be removed by a straight cut approximately perpendicular to the rack end leaving no more than 1.0 inch (25mm) of the neck on the shoulders. The shoulder shall be rolled with the ribeye lengthwise to the roll and netted or tied. Lamb roasts derived from previously frozen cuts shall be cut in the frozen state (tempering to no more than 26°F is permitted).

322.6 Lamb Shank shall be derived from the following IMPS item:

322.6.1 IMPS 210 - Foreshank - The foreshank shall be removed from the shoulder by straight cut exposing the humerus and removed from the brisket by a cut through the natural seam and may contain a portion of the web muscle (pectoralis superficialis). The trotter (lower foreshanks) shall be removed at or above the knee joint.

322.6.2 IMPS 233F - Leg, Hindshank - The hindshank shall be removed by a cut through the stifle joint and then follows the natural seam between the shank and the heel. The trotter (lower hindshank) is removed at the break joint and the gambrel cord is removed.

322.6.3 IMPS 233G - Leg, Hindshank, Heel On - This item may be prepared from any shank-on leg and is removed by a straight cut through the stifle joint at an approximate right angle to the shank bone leaving the heel or any portion of the heel attached to the shank. The trotter (lower hindshank) is removed at the break joint and the gambrel cord is removed.

Delete 410.1 and replace with:

410.1 Roasts shall be individually vacuumed packaged.

Delete 410.4 and replace with:

410.4 Package roasts, chops and shanks shall be placed into shipping containers to a net weight of 35-45 pounds.

Add the following:

410.5 Shanks shall be vacuumed packaged with two pieces per package.

Add the following:

413.7 Cooking Instructions/recipes will be included within the shipping container in flyer form in numbers

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corresponding to the piece count of shoulder roasts and shank packages.

Delete 414.4 and replace with:

414.4 Applicable product name:
 IMPS 1207 - Lamb, Shoulder Chops
 IMPS 233A/233B - Lamb, Leg Roast
 IMPS 234 / 234A / 234B / 234C - Lamb, Leg Roasts
 Boneless
 IMPS 208 - Lamb, Shoulder Roast Boneless
 IMPS 210 / 233F / 233G - Lamb Shank

Add the following:

414.5.4 Lamb Shoulder Roasts, Boneless - material number 110672

414.5.5 Lamb Shank - material number 110680.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

This Solicitation may show multiple stops on some line items; however, the number of stops will be limited to a maximum of three. To determine the number of destinations, review the "Tendering Text" for the lot, which will indicate the City and State for each stop. Bidders may submit different prices for each stop. However, a price is required on all line items within the lot.

For offshore destinations (Puerto Rico, Hawaii, etc.), offerors have the option to choose to enter their bids direct to the offshore destination or to the port.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis to cities on this Solicitation. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the Master Solicitation dated April 2015, Amendment 1 to the Master Solicitation dated June 2015;

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Supplement 602; the Federal Purchase Program Specification (FPPS) for Frozen Lamb, Leg Roasts and Shoulder Chops dated June 2015; or this Solicitation should be directed to Contracting Officer; USDA,AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202)720-2782.

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Persons with disabilities who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

See attached documents:

- 1 . SUPPLEMENT 602 AND FPPS-LRC-2015
- 2 . AMS MASTER SOLICITATION APRIL 2015
- 3 . AMENDMENT 1 TO MASTER SOLICITATION DATED JUNE 2015

Attributes :

OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION; COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

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Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
 - Have not been delivered
 - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
 - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13). MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Furnish name, title, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address of person submitting this bid (must be an officer of the company or a person authorized to execute contracts/purchase orders on behalf of the bidder).

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.

HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was issued to the solicitation.

- Permitted values:
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A

Bid invitation Item details

	Item Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
10	LAMB PRODUCTS					
20	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000					
30	AUBURN ME					
40	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	04210	40,000	LB

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Item	Material	Description	Required by	ZipCode	Quantity	
LB-40000						
50 LOT: 8897896 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CIT...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 8897896 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH / LOGAN OH /						
60	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	44110	13,320	LB
70	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	43123	13,320	LB
80	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	43138	13,360	LB
90 LOT: 831972547 DES MOINES IA / WATERL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 831972547 DES MOINES IA / WATERLOO IA / OMAHA NE /						
100	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	50316	10,000	LB
110	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	50703	10,000	LB
120	110291	LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	68127	20,000	LB
Total Quantity for LAMB LEG RST BNLS FRZ CTN-38-40 LB-40000					120,000	LB
130 LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB						
140 LONG BEACH CA						
150	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	05/01/2016-05/15/2016	90813	40,000	LB
160 JACKSON MS						
170	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	02/01/2016-02/15/2016	39201	40,000	LB
200 LOT: 18671015 ALEXANDRIA LA / NEW ORL...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 18671015 ALEXANDRIA LA / NEW ORLEANS LA /						
210	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	71301	11,680	LB
220	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	01/16/2016-01/31/2016	70123	28,320	LB
230 LOT: 245688668 ATHENS GA / COLUMBUS GA /						
240	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	30607	20,000	LB
250	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	31909	20,000	LB
550 BRONX NY						
560	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	10474	40,000	LB
570 LOT: 639534167 WASHINGTON DC / DELAWA...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 639534167 WASHINGTON DC / DELAWARE CITY DE / VINELAND NJ /						
580	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	12/16/2015-12/31/2015	20017	12,000	LB

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590	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	12/16/2015-12/31/2015	19706	12,000	LB
600	110680	LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	12/16/2015-12/31/2015	08360	16,000	LB
Total Quantity for LAMB SHANK FRZ CTN-35-45 LB					240,000	LB

300 LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB

310 LOS ANGELES CA

320	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	01/01/2016-01/15/2016	90058	40,000	LB
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330 LOT: 174366159 DAVENPORT IA / CHICAGO...

Tendering text - Item : LOT: 174366159 DAVENPORT IA / CHICAGO IL / BRIDGETON MO /

340	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	05/16/2016-05/31/2016	52802	10,000	LB
350	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	05/16/2016-05/31/2016	60632	20,000	LB
360	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	05/16/2016-05/31/2016	63044	10,000	LB

370 LOT: 364655545 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE ...

Tendering text - Item : LOT: 364655545 AIKEN SC / GREENVILLE SC / NO CHARLESTON SC /

380	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	29803	6,400	LB
390	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	29611	23,600	LB
400	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	03/16/2016-03/31/2016	29405	10,000	LB

410 LOT: 664125782 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TUL...

Tendering text - Item : LOT: 664125782 OKLAHOMA CITY OK / TULSA OK /

420	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	73137	24,000	LB
430	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	74106	16,000	LB

440 LOT: 952834150 DELMONT PA / GASSAWAY ...

Tendering text - Item : LOT: 952834150 DELMONT PA / GASSAWAY WV / HUNTINGTON WV /

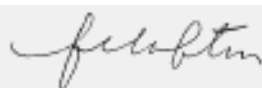
450	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	15626	20,000	LB
460	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	26624	10,000	LB

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		LB				
470	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	06/01/2016-06/15/2016	25701	10,000	LB
		LB				
520 LOT: 5000286308 DENVER CO / SALT LAKE..						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 5000286308 DENVER CO / SALT LAKE CITY UT /						
530	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	80239	20,000	LB
		LB				
540	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	12/01/2015-12/15/2015	84119	20,000	LB
		LB				
610 LOT: 1234567890 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE...						
Tendering text - Item : LOT: 1234567890 CLEVELAND OH / GROVE CITY OH /						
SPRINGFIELD OH /						
620	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	44110	13,320	LB
		LB				
630	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	43123	13,320	LB
		LB				
640	110672	LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45	11/01/2015-11/15/2015	45503	13,360	LB
		LB				
Total Quantity for LAMB SHOULDER RST BNLS FRZ CTN-35-45 LB					280,000	LB
Total Quantity for Invitation					640,000	LB



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